

## **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors Copy: Cllr Weeks, SNDC, Cllr Spratt, NCC

### **Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 4th of July 2011 at 7.30 at Fersfield Church**

#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2011
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Co-opt additional members to the Parish Council
- 8 Parish Plan Update
- 9 Highways
- 10 Correspondence
- 11 Planning
- 12 Finance
- 13 Allotments
- 14 Any Other Business
- 15 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

Minutes (cont.)

## Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of July 2011

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present**

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Mr I Cattermole, Ms J Porter and County Councillor Mr B Spratt.  
Also present were Mrs J Harvey, Ms Pam Dowling, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr R Hewitt and the Clerk, Mike Mortimer.

#### **1 Apologies**

Mrs L Handy, Mrs S Craggs, Mr D Craggs and Mr K Weeks

#### **2 Declaration Of Interests**

None.

#### **3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2011**

The Minutes were agreed.

#### **4 Matters arising from the minutes**

None

#### **5 Report from County Councillor Spratt**

Mr Spratt reported that the cuts were beginning to bite with staff from adult and children's services being laid off though he believed that libraries and most of the lollipop ladies would survive the cuts. He expressed confidence that all potholes would be filled by the end of September as planned. Mr Spratt pointed out that the PC would soon have the opportunity to comment on the Local Development Framework (LDF) which runs till 2026 with special reference to the amount of new housing in the Parish. With regard to the proposed incinerator at Kings Lynn he said he hoped that the PC would support the plan.

Mr Hewitt asked whose responsibility it was to repair potholes caused by the work of the utilities. Mr Spratt explained that it was the County Council's though it would expect to recover the cost from the utility company concerned.

A number of Councillors expressed grave concern over the closing of the Youth Centre in Diss. Mr Spratt regretted the closure but said it was part of the essential cuts programme and that money was being made available to other local organisations such as the Cornhall to mitigate the problem.

#### **6 Report from Mr K Weeks**

Mr Weeks sent his apologies

#### **7 Co-opting of additional Parish Councillors**

Ms Dowling, Mrs Delasalle and Mr Hewitt were unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council.

#### **8 Parish Plan**

Ms Dowling pointed out that the plan was complete and that it was now up to the people of the Parish to take up the challenge. Mr Aves commented on the Parish Plan Event saying he had been very impressed with the exhibition and the document itself and that the momentum and cohesion created must be kept up.

#### **9 Highways**

It was agreed that the matter had already been dealt with during Mr Spratts report.

**10 Correspondence**

The Clerk read a letter from opponents of the proposed incinerator at Kings Lynn. A debate followed during which a number of Councillors expressed concern with particular regard to health and safety. It was agreed that the clerk make a submission to Norfolk County Council opposing the plan until such time as all health and safety concerns had been sufficiently addressed.

The Clerk read a second letter regarding capital grants available. It was agreed that the clerk should pass on the information to the Village Hall Committee.

**11 Planning**

A report was provided.

**12 Finance**

A report was provided.

**13 Allotments**

The Chairman reported that the work on the roadway had been completed. Ms Porter agreed to replace Mr Bartrum on the allotment committee. Mr Aves suggested the committee meet at the allotment to see for itself the extent of problems with weeds and the maintenance of plots by allotment holders.

**14 Any Other Business**

Mr Cattermole pointed out that the footpath on land belonging to Hall Farm had still not been reinstated. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter and establish how to enforce the reinstatement.

Mr Aves said he wanted to extend his thanks to everybody who had contributed to the success of the Summer Event and the Clerk was asked to write thanking Mr Bloom of Bressingham Gardens, Mr Goodall of the garden centre and Mr Baker of the Steam Museum.

**15 Date of next meeting**

5th of September 2011 to be held at Fersfield Church.

The meeting ended at 9.20